

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed October 14, 2005, claims 1-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Davis (U.S. Patent No. 5,881,710)(previously cited). The foregoing rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 3 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 1 has been amended to include the features recited in claim 3. Claim 5 has also been amended. Claims 1-2 and 4-17 are pending and under consideration.

Davis fails to discuss "a window accommodating part extended toward the inside of the oven compartment from a periphery of the opening to accommodate the window, wherein the window contacts with the periphery of the opening of the inner cover," as recited in amended claim 1. Further, Davis fails to discuss "a supporting member which supports the window against the inner cover," as recited in amended claim 1. Therefore, Davis fails to discuss "wherein the supporting member comprises a plate part combined with the inner cover and having an opening part corresponding to the window; and a supporter extended from the periphery of the opening part of the plate part toward the inside of the oven compartment which supports the window against the window accommodating part of the inner cover," as recited in amended claim 1.

Instead, Davis discusses an oven door assembly having a window assembly positioned in an inner liner of the door (see column 4, lines 13-25). Further, an insulation layer is positioned on the inner liner, so that the window assembly is received within an opening of the insulation layer. The insulation layer rests on a second ledge of the inner liner and fills in the space between the inner liner and the window assembly. Further, a gasket 120 is placed within a channel of the inner liner and once the window assembly is assembled, it is positioned on the inner liner so that the window 58 is centered about the window 44 of the inner liner and abuts the gasket 120 to seal the window assembly (see FIGS. 11 and 12). That is, the window 58 does not contact the periphery of the opening of the inner liner. Further, as shown in FIG. 12, the insulation layer contacts with the periphery (i.e., external boundary) of the opening of the inner liner.

Independent claim 13 recites features somewhat similar to claim 1.

Moreover, dependent claims 2, 4-12 and 14-17 recite patentably distinguishing features of their own. For example, claim 15 recites "wherein the supporting member further comprises a plurality of bosses which project from the outer surface of the supporting member and through which screws pass toward the inner cover".

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejections is respectfully requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

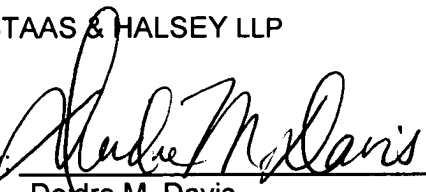
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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